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FOR PM RE PINCUS/PAUL TRIP

1. PINCUS AND PAUL WERE BRIEFED BY BERGUS AND WILEY DURING LAYOVER IN CAIRO BETWEEN FLIGHTS. THEY WERE ALSO GIVEN DINNER AT BERGUS RESIDENCE.

2. BRIEFING COVERED INTERNAL POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC SITUATION IN UAR AND POLITICAL MILITARY ASPECTS OF ARAB--ISRAEL CONFLICT. SINCE THERE NO US MILITARY IN STALLATION IN UAR (EXCEPT NAVY MEDICAL RESEARCH UNIT), NO BRIEFING PAPERS WERE PREPARED. NO DOCUMENTS WERE REQUESTED BY PINCUS AND PAUL.

3. PINCUS AND PAUL SHOWED PARTICULAR INTEREST IN BALANCE OF FORCES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND ARABS. IN OUR BRIEFING WE POINTED OUT THAT A) SAM-3 MISSILES WERE DEFENSIVE WEAPON SIMILAR TO HAWKS USG HAD SOLD ISRAEL AND SAUDI ARABIA B) IN RESUPPLY OPERATION FOLLOWING JUNE 1967 WAR, USSR HAD BEEN CAREFUL TO AVOID GIVING UAR AN OFFENSIVE CAPABILITY AND C) USSR HAD EXERCISED CAUTION BUT SEEMED DETERMINED HONOR ITS COMMITMENT TO UAR REGIME. BERGUS

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